IN THE CLAIMS

In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. 1.121, please amend the claims in accordance with the following LISTING OF CLAIMS wherein the claims are indicated as "original", "currently amended", "cancelled", "withdrawn", "new" "previously presented", or "not entered" as the case may be. In accordance with the Rules, the text of cancelled and not entered claims is not presented.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Original) A system comprising:

a plurality of spaced apart nodes, the nodes communicate via a medium;

at least one of the nodes includes a receiver of wireless communications from a displaced source and circuitry for determining that the at least one node is not a final recipient of the received communication.

21. (Original) A system as in claim 20 where the nodes each include circuitry for communicating with one another via the medium.

22. (Original) A system as in claim 21 where at least some of the nodes include at least one ambient condition sensor.

23. (Currently amended) A system as in claim 22 where at least some of the sensors are selected from a class which includes smoke sensors, gas sensors, flame sensors, thermal sensors, location sensors, and movement sensors.

24. (Original) A system as in claim 22 which includes a common control element.

25. (Original) A system as in claim 24 where at least some of the nodes include circuitry for distinguishing received communications for nodes from those for the common control element.

26. (New) A system as in claim 22 where at least some of the nodes comprise manually operable fire indicating units.

27. (New) A system as in claim 21 where members of a plurality of the nodes each includes a receiver of wireless communications from a displaced source and circuitry for

determining that the at least one node is not a final recipient of the received communication and circuitry for forwarding the received communication to at least one additional node.

28. (New) A system as in claim 27 where the members of the plurality include circuitry for forwarding the received communication to a second plurality of nodes.

29. (New) A system as in claim 27 where the at least one additional node is a common control node.

30. (New) A system comprising:

a plurality of spaced apart nodes, the nodes each include communications circuitry and communicate with one another via a medium;

at least some of the nodes each include a receiver of wireless communications from a displaced source and circuitry for determining if the respective receiving node is a final recipient of a received communication where,

at least some of the nodes include at least one sensor selected from a class which includes heat sensors, flame sensors, smoke sensors and gas sensors with one of the nodes comprising a common control element.

31. (New) A system as in claim 30 which includes a common control element coupled to at least some members of the plurality via the medium.

32. (New) A system as in claim 30 where the receiver of wireless communications includes a second sensor of incident radiant energy.

33. (New) A system as in claim 32 where the second sensor is responsive to incident infrared-type signals.

34. (New) A system as in claim 32 which includes a portable source of radiant energy signals.

35. (New) A system as in claim 34 where the portable source includes circuitry for specifying a message recipient.

36. (New) A system as in claim 35 where the portable source includes circuitry for specifying a selected message.

37. (New) A system as in claim 36 where the portable source includes circuitry for receiving communications from at least a selected node.

38. (New) A system as in claim 37 where the received communications include node test results.

39. (New) A system as in claim 36 where the selected message is selected from a class which includes at least a message designating a test, a group self-test, a message designating a time, or a message designating a location.